UBC Fee Boost Due to Public Apathy, Says MacKenzie

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dr. Norman MacKenzie, president of the University of British Columbia, said yesterday public disinterest in education is at the bottom of the $100 increase in tuition fees for the university's 10,000 students.

He told the B.C. education conference he does not blame the province's Social Credit government for denying the university the money it needs to run the university.

The $100 increase, effective next September, was announced this week after the university failed to get the increase it asked for in its operating grant from the government.

"We are a democracy," Dr. MacKenzie said. "One of the features of a democracy is that people get what they really want.

"People in Canada have been and are now more interested in other things than higher education when it comes to the specific issue of paying for it. I challenge anybody to take issue with that statement. "There is no use pointing to an individual such as the prime minister or the premier. They are representatives and they do reflect in a democracy the opinion of people who elect and re-elect them.

"Through experience, they become pretty competent in assessing what the people will vote for."

Dr. MacKenzie called for a grass-roots campaign to stress the importance of education to the public.

"If we want more money for education and specifically for higher education, our problem is to convince our friends and neighbors . . . that this thing is important," he said.

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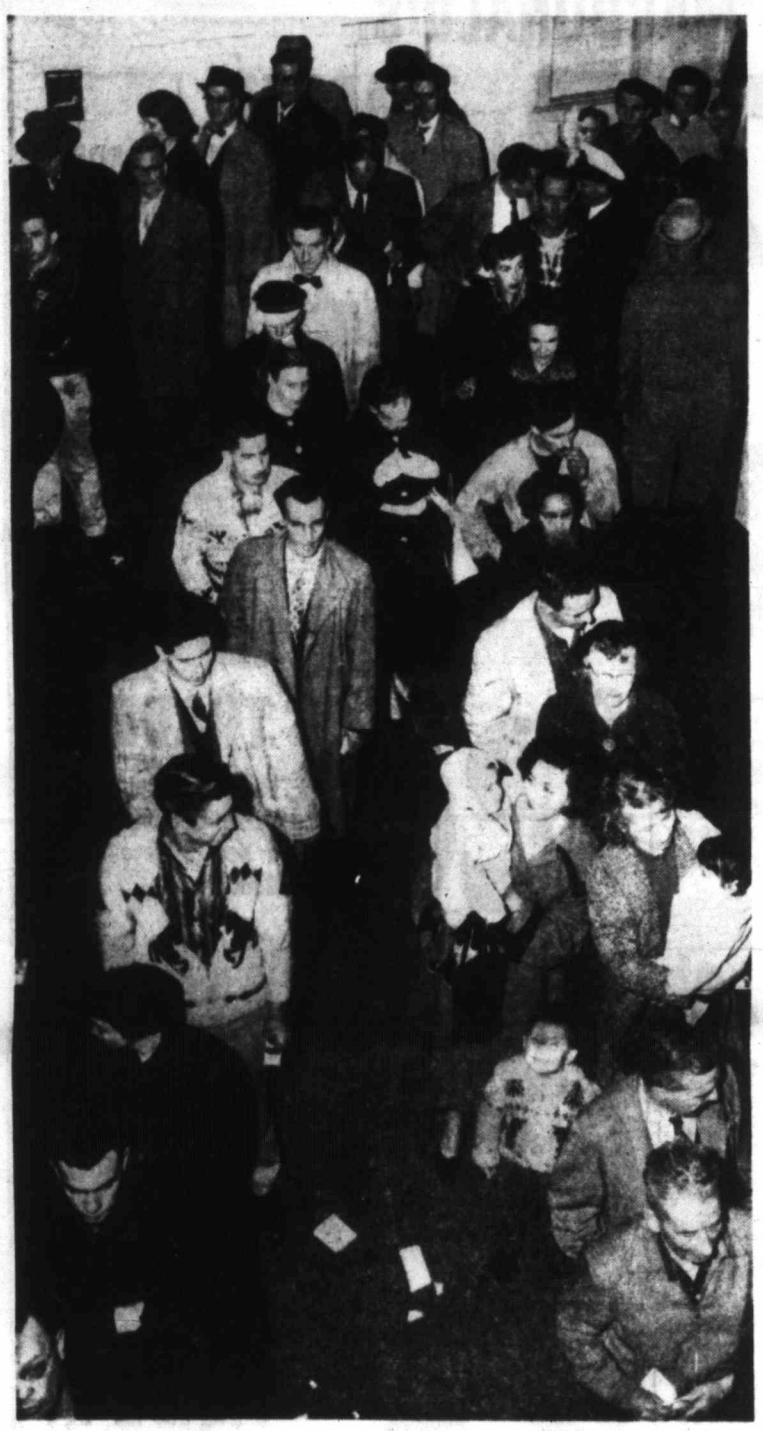

Have You Got Your Plates Yet?

Lineups curled across the floor of the main lobby of the motor vehicles branch office yesterday and probably will again today as the deadline nears for purchase of new car licence plates. MVB office, usually closed Saturday, will be open until 5 p.m. today. New licence plates must be on cars by midnight tonight.—(Colonist photo)

Church Group Asks Canada:

ABOLISH ARMED FORCES USE MONEY TO DO GOOD

Vote Opposes Earlier Stand

TORONTO (CP) — The board of evangelism and social service of the United Church of Canada asked the government Friday to scrap the armed forces and throw the nation's entire resources into building for peace.

The action, following a 7 to 4 vote in favor, was in direct opposition to the stand taken last September by the general council—the "parliament" of the 1,000,000-member Protestant denomination.

(The proposal drew no church support in Victoria, see below).

The proposal to terminate national defence spending came from Rev. James M. Finley, pastor of a Toronto church.

SOME OPPOSED

Dr. J. R. Mutchmor, board secretary, said he disagreed with the resolution. Rev. G. B. Mather of Saskatoon termed it "absolute pacifism."

The resolution called for:

1. Appropriations for men and material for a UN police force.

2. More money for research into peaceful uses of nuclear power, and technical aid to other peoples.

3. Money for education and the development of social services.

HUMAN DISTRESS

The resolution said of the Avro decision: "We register our regret that whatever justification there may have been, it was taken with so little regard for the human distress of those concerned."

The cancellation by the federal government of the development of the Arrow supersonic jet program threw 13,000 persons out of work in Toronto this week.

Rev. Allison Fraser of Saint John, N.B., said it would be regrettable if a vote "by 15 or 20 people in this room goes out as the voice of the church after the debate in general council last September."

MUST HAVE COURAGE

Responded Rev. R. S. Christie of Vancouver: "We must have the courage to express what we think. The decisions of general council are not always the wisdom of the church. It sometimes depends on who talks first and most effectively, or if a subject comes up at the end of a long 10 days when we are all tired and we'd all vote for the extermination of grandmothers if it were put on the floor because we are weary and want to go home."

NO OTHER ANSWERS

"I voted for this, not because of disrespect for my senior officers or general council, but because I believe there is no other answer to the problem. If it's going to be extermination anyway, as it could be, I hope in the sight of God my vote is shown against it."

Victoria ministers last night openly disagreed with a board's proposal that the federal government abolish Canada's armed forces and concentrate instead on spending for peace.

Rev. A. C. Hamill, president

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DR. HUGH KEENLEYSIDE

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Keenleyside Raps Indifference

Church Fails Peace Fight

TORONTO (CP)—A Canadian United Nations official who says mankind is plunging headlong into another world war has charged the Christian churches with failing to show any sense of urgent concern about the danger.

At least one Canadian church leader agrees with him. He is the Rt. Rev. Angus J. MacQueen, moderator of the United Church.

"The average churchman and clergyman has been too indifferent to the whole problem," Dr. MacQueen said in London, Ont. "Yet it's the major question of the century and quite literally, a life and death matter."

Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, director of the UN technical assistance program, told a meeting of the United Church's board of evangelism and social services here Thursday night that "if we are so insane as to start a new world war we shall quickly destroy each other and ourselves."

His suggestions to avert the danger:

1. Better understanding of the Communist world's attitude, particularly that of Russia and China.

2. Both West and East camps should muzzle belligerent and over-talkative ad-

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Illegal, Say Reds

No Apology For Incident

WASHINGTON (AP)—The official Soviet news agency Friday night described U.S. Navy boarding of a Russian fishing vessel as an unlawful action, but the state department indicated it won't apologize.

Moscow Radio and the Soviet agency Tass carried factual dispatches from New York reporting that a navy boarding party had inspected the records of the Russian trawler on the high seas off Newfoundland.

The radio dispatch contained no comment, but Tass gave it this headline: "Unlawful action of the American naval fleet in the open sea."

U.S. embassy sources said the Soviet government has not made any representations.

If it does, indications were the U.S. would brush off any protest.

NEW YORK (AP)—Cmdr. E. J. Korte said Friday night that a Russian trawler boarded by a U.S. Navy party from his ship had equipment aboard "capable of cutting" trans-Atlantic cables but he did not imply that the Soviet vessel was responsible for any cable breaks.

ARGENTIA, Nfld. (CP) — The man who led a United States Navy boarding party aboard a Russian trawler said here Friday night the vessel carried an unusual sounding cable and seemed to have extra radio equipment.

Rent Aid For Aged Unlikely

OTTAWA (CP) — After persistent pleas by CCF members, Works Minister Green Friday promised to look into the possibility of federal grants toward the cost of building low-rental housing for old age pensioners. But he held out little hope of further action along this line.

Murderer Granted Divorce

VANCOUVER (CP) — A man serving a life term for murder was granted a divorce Friday in a 13-minute private hearing before Mr. Justice H. W. McInnes.

William Gash, now 24, was sentenced to hang in March, 1954, for the murder of Frank Pitsch, 45, on Vancouver's Langara Golf Course. The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Gash told the court his wife had written that "she no longer wants to live with me and has found another man to live with."

CNR Stays In the Red

OTTAWA (UPI)—Canadian National Railways Friday reported a net operating deficiency of $4,746,000 for January.

The CNR said its operating revenues for the month amounted to $55,676,000 and its expenses, taxes and rents ran to $60,422,000.

Bullets Spray Castro Home

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Police reported gunfire from a passing car sprayed Fidel Castro's home last night, but no one was injured. The premier was at the palace at the time attending a cabinet meeting.

Stop-Cancer Pill Due in 25 Years

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dr. Warren Cole, a leading U.S. cancer expert, said Friday a pill may be developed within 25 years that will stop the spread of cancer through a patient's body.

Dr. Cole, head of the surgery department of the University of Illinois college of medicine, said the pill will be given to patients after a tumor is removed and will kill malignant cells that escape the scalpel.

He added that within 100 years it may be possible to treat cancer without surgery by using drugs, but warned this would not be the end of disease problems.

"Some other disease will take over when cancer is licked," he said.

Safety Setback

Mrs. B. K. Solheim of 1095 Willow Street, safety chairman of the Victoria and District Parent-Teacher Council, was unable to give her report at last night's council meeting.

The safety chairman couldn't attend because she was still convalescing and on crutches after a fall in her home, council president Mrs. Marjabeth Wills said.

Macmillan Ignores Snubs, Urges 'Sincere' Parley

KIEV, Ukraine (Reuters)—Prime Minister Macmillan said Friday night his mission to Moscow has been a valuable preparation for wider international negotiations "which must follow."

"But such negotiations must be . . . conducted with a sincere desire to reach fair agreement," the British leader said at a dinner in his honor given by Ukraine Premier Nikifor Kalchenko.

Seemingly undaunted by the prevalent feeling that his trip has been a failure, Macmillan hinted that he now will work to promote some kind of summit meeting based on his experiences.

DIFFERENT TERMS

He may strive to incorporate this wish in a communique with Russian leaders, who also have pressed hard for summit talks—although on different terms and with a different agenda.

Earlier, a rested and refreshed Macmillan tramped through the mud of a Ukraine collective farm—determined to stick out the full tour.

"He is not going to dramatize a piece of rudeness by going back," said a British official in reference to Nikita Khrushchev's anti-Western speech Tuesday and his subsequent decision not to accompany Macmillan on the tour outside Moscow.

But there now seems little prospect of any advance in the fields of culture and trade and it is understood that talk of an Anglo-Soviet non-aggression pact has been dropped.

Macmillan flies to Leningrad today.

Showdown On Berlin?

LONDON (UPI) — Soviet Premier Khrushchev appears to have decided on a "showdown policy" with the West over Berlin, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The Kremlin apparently wants to put off negotiations until after it has handed control of Berlin lifelines to East Germany, and to limit any subsequent negotiations to virtual liquidation of the Western position in Berlin.

Sign—Or Else Mikoyan Says

LONDON (Reuters)—Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan has warned that if the West does not agree to sign a German peace treaty Russia will sign one with Communist East Germany alone.

Dispute Board Clyne's Idea

VANCOUVER (CP)—Chairman John V. Clyne of MacMillan and Bloedel Ltd. Friday night called for establishment of an independent permanent board to investigate industrial disputes in British Columbia.

Such a board would not make binding settlements, but would make public reports on its investigations and thus bring informed public opinion to bear on the disputants in the interests of a fair settlement.

500 Londoners Battle In Race Riot Outbreak

LONDON (UPI)—Five hundred white and negro Londoners battled each other for 40 minutes in a local market yesterday before eight wagon-loads of policemen stopped the struggle.

The police, booed for breaking up the fights at Brixton Market, questioned a number of people but made no arrests.

Eight persons received cuts but refused treatment.

Trouble began when a West Indian woman squeezed a tomato to see if it was over-ripe.

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